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Friends of International Students (FIS)

Host Program Newsletter

Winter 2015 - A Note from ISSS; Employment Restrictions for International Students; Important Dates; Upcoming Events; FIS Story Corner

A NOTE FROM ISSS

On February 4th, ISSS welcomed 10 new international students, during our Early Arrival for February students ("Febs"). This small group of international students represent the following countries: Botswana, Canada, China, France, India, Kenya, Sweden, Thailand and the United Kingdom. They have expressed how excited they are to be here and remarked that people in town and on campus were so helpful and kind. They bring with them a wealth of experiences and talents. We are certain each one of them has something unique to contribute to the Middlebury community.

The FIS Host Program held a matching event for several of these new Febs on February 26. The families and students truly enjoyed meeting each other. We hope their new friendships will flourish, and that together, they will create memories that will last a lifetime. We are always looking for new hosts so if you or anyone you know is interested in hosting a student next year, please contact us at iss@middlebury.edu or 802-443-5858.

EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

With very few exceptions, international students in the U.S. in F-1 student or J-1 Exchange Visitor visa status (which describes most of Middlebury's international students) are not allowed to work off-campus during the academic year. They can only work on campus and be paid by Middlebury College. To accept off-campus employment during vacation periods, they would need to make a special application (a 3-4 month application procedure that costs \$380). Unfortunately, this means that house sitting, babysitting, pet sitting, etc. for pay are not options for most international students. Internships during the summer are possible but require advance planning. ISSS has already offered a workshop this term to inform students of the employment authorization application process for both graduating seniors and junior, sophomore and first-year students. For more information, see our website at:

<http://www.middlebury.edu/international/iss/employment> .

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT ON CAMPUS

Middlebury undergraduates who want to work on campus in the summer can look for opportunities on the Student Employment website at: <http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/business/seo/summer> .

Contracts for summer positions are due by April 17.

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring break

The break will begin after the last class on Friday, March 20 and stretches until classes resume on the morning of Monday, March 30. Some students may be going away during spring break. Others may be staying on campus. This is a good time to check-in with your students to see what their plans are for the break.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Nile Project

March 30 - April 3 | This collaborative of East African artists uses music to raise awareness for the Nile basin's sustainability challenges. Come ready to dance at the final concert on Thursday, April 2. You can find more information about each workshop/event at:

<http://www.middlebury.edu/arts/performing/14-15/nileproject> .

The **2015 Spring Student Symposium**, “an all-campus event that showcases the scholarly and creative pursuits of Middlebury students.” Many of our international students give presentations so it's a great way for you to support your student. Find out more about this great event at:

<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/resources/ctrl/students/uro/symposium> .

Seen From Here or What is it about France? by Edward C. Knox, College Professor Emeritus

Wednesday, 4/22, 4:30 p.m.

Robert A. Jones '59 House conference room

On the Shores of Japan's Postwar Left: Two Histories by Leslie Pincus

Thursday, 4/23, 4:30 p.m.

Department of History, University of Michigan

Robert A. Jones '59 House conference room

There's always something of interest happening at the College. Follow these links for more information:

The College Calendar: <http://www.middlebury.edu/events>

Rohatyn Center for International Affairs: <http://www.middlebury.edu/international/rcfia/events>



FIS STORY CORNER

Thank you to all of our hosts who shared stories and pictures with us. Sounds like everyone enjoyed the fall and winter seasons, special events in town, lovely dinners and holidays with their students. Enjoy these special moments.



Molly Costanza-Robinson and her family enjoying the Otter Creek falls with their student Taran Veerman (center).



LEFT: Karen Lee celebrated her birthday with her host, Brittany Carlson and fellow student, Jingche Jiang.

BELOW: Carol and Reg Spooner enjoyed Hamza Alsarhan's (second from right) dance performance at East View. They're joined by Hamza's friends.



Abby Blum (far right) enjoys the first snow of the season with her 3 students, (from left to right) Aayam Poudel, Celia Watson and Vanessa Dikuyana.



Kay Yu (left) and Yuki Hu cooked up some Chinese specialties with their hosts Richard and Gail Eisenberg to celebrate Chinese Spring Festival.

Elana and Adam Dean enjoyed a Palestinian-themed meal with their students, Amosh Neupane (second from left) and Razan Jabari (far right), whom they described as "smart, kind, thoughtful and fun."



Barbara and Hugh Marlow sent in news about their holiday celebration with Peter Wang. Peter was with them on Christmas Day and was "a great sport and teammate in Scategories. That's a tough game in another language but his breadth and depth of knowledge helped our team to successfully challenge some questionable tries on opposing teams."

We always welcome new pictures and stories from hosts. If you have more to share in the coming months, please send them to iss@middlebury.edu. Enjoy the days ahead with your students and thanks for sharing!

Thank you
Danke
Xie xie
Khawp khun
Yum
Mahalo
Salamat
Juspa
Spacibo
Arigato

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As always, thank you for being a part of this valuable program!